

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HOUSE BILL 1020

Developmental Disabilities Administration – Self-Directed Services

(Self-Direction Act of 2022)

As an advocate for seniors and people with a disability, this Bill had special significance to me, not as an advocate, but personally.

Two people in my family had problems with their sons. Both wanted to keep their sons at home to care for them and protect them, regardless of the advice they were given.

One mother finally succumbed to the pressure and let her son, now 35, be placed. He is a highly productive person, achieving what his mother could never have predicted.

The other son is still at home, now 45, completely non-productive, completely non-functional, and costing taxpayers money.

It is easy to see how beneficial, strengthening this program will be.

I trust you will agree and give this Bill a favorable vote.

Thank you.

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